

March 17, 2011

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Dear Maureen,

The Illinois Republican Party is in receipt of your request for additional information dated February 10, 2011, due March 17, 2011 regarding the 30 day post-general report (10/4/2010-11/22/2010). Please see corresponding numbered responses below.

1. A refund in the amount of \$5,000.00 was issued to The Freedom Project on 3/14/2011 due to contributions to the Illinois Republican Party that exceeded the allowable limits from a multicandidate political committee. This refund will be shown on the April monthly report. A copy of the check has been mailed to the Federal Election Commission.
2. The report has been amended to properly clarify joint fundraising committees.
3. The report has been amended to properly itemize reimbursements to individuals for travel, food and beverage, and telephone expenses.
4. The expenditures made for "State Fair Equipment Rental" and "State Fair Food & Beverages" were not made on behalf of any federal candidate. The report has been amended to notate that these expenditures were not made on behalf of any federal candidate.
5. The expenditure for "State Fair Banner" was not made on behalf of any federal candidate. The report has been amended to notate that this expenditure was not made on behalf of any federal candidate.
6. The disclosure for the expenditure in the amount of \$27,390.00 for "FEA Trvl & Mls-no vend. itemz. req." disclosed an incorrect purpose. This expenditure made for generic get-out-the vote activities and not on behalf of any particular federal candidate. This expenditure should've been disclosed as "Generic GOTV Incentives". These were gift cards given to non-employees as incentives for generic get-out-the vote calling throughout the state; non-candidate specific generic vote republican message. No mention of any federal candidate was made. The report has been amended to properly disclose the purpose for this expenditure and the itemization of whom the gift cards were given to.
7. The disclosure's for "FEA Cnslting. Political Grassroots" amounting to \$16,000.00 disclosed an incorrect purpose. These expenditures were made for generic get-out-the vote activities and not on behalf of any particular federal candidate. These expenditures should've been disclosed as "Poll Watchers GOTV Stipend". These individuals were not employees. Their duties consisted of checking voter's names off of lists when they came to vote; providing the lists to call centers; and the call centers would then use the lists to send out a non-candidate specific generic vote republican message. No mention of any federal candidate was made. The report has been amended to properly disclose the purpose for these expenditures.
8. The disclosure's for the expenditures "FEA Party Printing" and "FEA Travel Exp. Reimbursement" disclosed an incorrect purpose. These expenditures were made for generic get-out-the vote activities and not on behalf of any specific federal candidate. "FEA Party Printing" should've been disclosed as "Generic GOTV Poll Watcher Booklets". These booklets

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contained the lists of voters in which the poll watchers would check off and provide to the call centers for the generic vote republican message (see #7 above). "FEA Travel Exp. Reimbursement" should've been disclosed as "Generic GOTV Reimbursements" with vendor itemization. These reimbursements were for generic get-out-the vote activities and not on behalf of any specific candidate. The report has been amended to properly disclose the purpose and itemization for these expenditures.

9. The original receipt of the contribution from the ACA International PAC was disclosed in the October (9-1-2010 - 9-30-2010) monthly report on schedule L-A line 2 on 9-15-2010.

Sincerely:

Dave Syverson, Treasurer  
Illinois Republican Party  
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